

REMARKS

We are happy to accept the allowed claims, indicated by the examiner as Claims 24, 28-32. We offer amended claims 25, 26 and 33-34 to alleviate the objections put forth for claims 25-27 and 33-34.

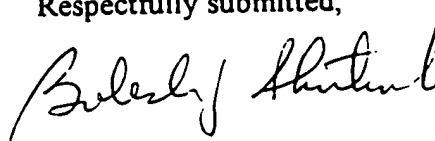
A key point to re-emphasize is the manner in which PhotoDynamic Therapy (PDT) works. In principle PDT treats only preselected areas, because for internal cases, the light dose needed to activate the photo-drug is restricted to the area where the practitioner brings the light by means of a scope or fiber optics. Also the photo-drug [photosensitizer] is accumulated in faster growing tissue, i.e. hyperproliferative tissue, cancerous tissue, and the neo-vasculature associated with the abnormally growing tissue. It is thus known to those skilled in the art of PDT that a preselected treatment area is defined by these two properties, without specifically requiring, to a first approximation, a highly discriminating targeting species as part of the photo-drug complex. Past dealings with the examiners within this group came to the conclusion that 'preselected treatment areas' is a well accepted terminology for this field. With these points the §112 objections to claims 33-34 are considered to be removed.

As to the §112 concerns brought forth for claims 25-26, these have been amended to more clearly identify how the specific spacer moieties are used to connect the photosensitizer to the branching unit within the parachute structure, as was described within the specification. The amended claims also remove the informalities objections brought forth by the examiner.

With these changes and remarks it is believed that the disclosure is now in condition for allowance for at least a selected number of species. Reconsideration is respectfully requested. An early and favorable response is earnestly solicited. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

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